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THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. steamer *City of Tokio*, with the American mail, leaves Yokohama on the 22nd, and is due here on or about the 29th inst.

The O. & C. steamer *San Pablo*, with the regular American mail, left San Francisco on the 12th July, and may be looked for here on or about the 6th August.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Clyde*, with the English mail, left Singapore on the morning of the 25th, and may be expected to arrive here on the 31st inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The next direct steamer, with the Indian mail, left Calcutta on the morning of the 19th July, and is due here on or about the 4th August.

STAMPAERS EXPECTED.

The O. S. & Co.'s steamer *Archilles* left Singapore on the morning of the 23rd, and is due here on the 29th inst.

The steamer *Sir Garnet Wolseley* left Saigon on the 27th, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 30th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The Postal Guide for 1884, revised to date will be found in the *Daily Press* Director's p. 384 larger paper, p. 633 small edition. The Guide is published complete January in the usual manner.

Postal information published in Hongkong.

☞ The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with the paper is the public property, and is not to be sold or otherwise published more than twice each day, in one Edition, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

I MAIL WILL CLOSE.

—For Manila—*Per Batavia*, to-day, the 25th inst., at 11.50 A.M.

—For Timor, *Port Darwin*, Thursday Island, Coochinda, Trawansey, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, &c., &c.—*Per Timor*, to-day, the 25th inst., at 1.30 P.M.

—For Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, and Taiwan—*Per Thalang* to-morrow, the 26th inst., at 1.30 P.M.

—For Bangkok—*Per Danube*, to-morrow, the 26th inst., at 1.50 P.M.

—For Amoy and Manila—*Per Zafra*, to-morrow, the 26th inst., at 4.30 P.M.

—For Foochow, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, New Zealand, &c.—*Per Cheongchow*, on Thursday, the 31st inst., at 4.00 P.M.

—For Saigon—*Per Madras*, on Thursday, the 31st inst., at 4.30 P.M.

—For Saigon, Sorabaya, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Australia, on Friday, the 1st August, at 3.30 P.M.

—For Straits Settlements—*Per Xianou*, on Saturday, the 2nd August, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Ganges* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 31st July, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, via *Brindisi* to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malak, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the mails.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Jewellery, &c., and, where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Satoh*, which will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 7th August, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via *Naples*; Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malak, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Tokyo* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 7th August, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via *Naples*; Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malak, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the mails, &c.

part, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco and the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Honolulu, A.C. which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Late Office closes.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with the Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet:—

Day of Departure.

2.00 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.

2.15 P.M.—Late Office and "Late Letters" closes. Posting of all printed matter and packets ceases.

3.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

3.15 P.M.—Late Office may be posted with late fee.

3.30 P.M.—When the Post Office closes entirely.

3.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until the time of departure.

THE BRANCH MAIL.

Day before Departure.

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office

close, except the night box, which is always open out of the hours of business.

Day of Departure.

7 A.M., Post Office opens.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters opens. Forging of all letters and all patterns: one cent.

11 A.M. Mail close, except for Late Letters.

11.30 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents unit.

11.40 A.M., The Post Office closes entirely.

12.30 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents unit time of departure.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILMAIL SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not notified as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letter in the ordinary way, marked "Sail Mail," and to prepay the postage at the rate of one half cents as usual. The Post Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining notices of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is the responsibility of the sender to see that the letter is ready for sailing at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

LETTERS AND POSTAGE.

Letters, per 4 cts.	10 Cents
Post Cards, each	8 Cents
Books, Patterns, and Commercial Papers, per 2 cts.	2 Cents
Newspapers & Prices Current, each	2 Cents
Do. do.	10 Cents
Do. do.	15 Cents

Commercial papers signify such papers as though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as business, doct, topical music, &c. The charges for such papers are 10 cts. per 4 cts. of weight, and under 4 cts. weight are charged 5 cts.

BODILY AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

(1) Privates in H. M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers' Bandmasters, Schoolmasters (not superintending or First Class) Writers, or School-mistresses may send half-price letters to the United Kingdom by the English Mail at the rate of two pence (one penny) for each 4 cts. of weight. The rate of 4 pence (two pence) each. The postage may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong Stamps, but not by both kinds on the same letter.

(2) To other places not beyond Great Britain, India, and India, the postage is 2 cts. each.

(3) The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Private and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

(4) The letters must not exceed half an ounce.

(5) Gold, silver, jewellery, &c., can be sent, even with the letter.

(6) If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, and the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c. If from a Private or Sailor, his class and description, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.

(7) Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges with regard to books or papers, nor can these be

